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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION - CERAMIC WALL TILE

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1. GOP ASSURANCES AS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF TEXT ARE:

BEGIN QUOTE

...THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THAT AS OF 20 FEBRUARY 1976, NONE OF THE PHILIPPINE FIRMS RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER R.A. 5186 AND 6135 ARE EXPORTING OR, TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, INTEND IN THE FUTURE TO EXPORT CERAMIC WALL TILES TO THE UNITED STATES. IN THE EVENT THAT ANY CHANGE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THIS SITUATION THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS SHALL BY OR THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORM THE

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS HOWEVER, THAT THE INCENTIVE BENEFITS BESTOWED ON PHILIPPINE EXPORTING FIRMS UNDER REPUBLIC ACTS NOS. 5186 AND 6135 DO NOT CONSTITUTE COUNTERAVAILABLE SUBSIDIES AND NOTHING IN THE PRESENT UNDERTAKING TO NOTIFY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF INTENDED EXPORTS OF CERAMIC GLAZED WALL TILES BY FIRMS RECEIVING INCENTIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE AFORESAID ACTS CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION THAT THEY CONSTITUTE COUNTERAVAILABLE SUBSIDIES. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RAISE THIS PARTICULAR QUESTION IN APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR FINAL RESOLUTION.

END QUOTE

2. NOTE ALSO CONTAINS AS ATTACHMENTS DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PHILIPPINE POSITION THAT BENEFITS UNDER INCENTIVE ACTS ARE NOT COUNTERAVAILABLE SUBSIDIES AND CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF INVESTMENTS THAT MARIWASA REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

3. NOTE BEING POUCHED.
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